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IN RE APPLICATION OF: PERRY

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of September 18, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

A Petition for Extension of Time for two months to February 18, 2003 is hereby requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 136(a). Accordingly, please charge Applicant's Credit Card in the amount of \$410.00 for this Petition. A Credit Card Payment Form is enclosed for fee purposes.

**AMENDMENTS****In the claims:**

Please cancel claim 45.

Please amend the following claims:

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